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SUBJECT: CONTINUED MEDIA COVERAGE OF WALLEMBERG CASE

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1. (U) SWEDISH MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO ANY AND ALL ASPECTS OF RAOUL WALLEMBERG CASE. THE ACCEPTANCE THIS WEEK BY WALLEMBERG'S HALF-SISTER, NINA LAGERGREN, OF AN AWARD FOR WALLEMBERG FROM THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION (HOLOCAUST COMMISSION) WAS FIRST-PAGE NEWS. MRS. LAGERGREN'S STATEMENT AT THE CEREMONY IN COPENHAGEN THAT SHE BELIEVES HER BROTHER IS STILL ALIVE AND THAT SHE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE CASE WAS ALSO WIDELY REPORTED.

2. (U) PRESS ALSO REPORTED ON A BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY BY PER ANGER, SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOS HANDLING OF THE WALLEMBERG CASE IN

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THE EARLY 50'S, ANGER, WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH WALLEMBERG AT SWEDISH LEGATION IN BUDAPEST AT THE CLOSE OF WWII, SAID GOS AFTER WAR "SACRIFICED WALLEMBERG ON THE ALTAR OF SWEDISH NEUTRALITY" AND, PARTICULARLY FORMER FM OSTER UNDEN, FAILED TO PURSUE CASE OUT OF FEAR OF DISTURBING RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. ANGER SAID THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON RETIREMENT FROM DIPLOMATIC SERVICE HE WOULD DEVOTE ALL HIS TIME TO COOPERATING WITH VARIOUS WALLEMBERG COMMITTEES IN SWEDEN, U.S., CANADA, UK AND ISRAEL TO GET TO BOTTOM OF THIS CASE.

3. (U) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON ANGER'S ATTEMPT, FM BLIX TOLD PRESS THAT HE UNDERSTANDS FULLY THE ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF WALLEMBERG, THAT SUCH ACTIVITY "ACCORDS WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE," AND THAT GOS WELCOMES ALL ATTEMPTS WHICH MAY LEAD TO A SOLUTION OF WALLEMBERG AFFAIR.

4. (U) AN EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 8 IN CONSERVATIVE SVENSKA DAGBLADET CLEARLY SIDED WITH LAGERGREN AND ANGER AND SAID THERE MUST BE NO MORE BEATING AROUND THE BUSH BY GOS. SWEDEN, THE PAPER SAID, MUST DEMAND IN MOSCOW THAT WALLEMBERG BE FREED AND TURNED OVER TO SWEDISH AUTHORITIES.

5. (LOU) SHORTLY AFTER HER RETURN FROM TWO-WEEK VISIT TO US, MRS. LAGERGREN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO EMBASSY FOR THE SYMPATHETIC RECEPTION SHE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON, PARTICULARLY FROM DEPARTMENT OFFICERS GOODEY AND FUNNETH. SHE SAID FURTHER THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAD BEEN MOST UNDERSTANDING OF HER BROTHER'S PLIGHT AND THAT SHE WAS REASSURED BY HIS STATEMENTS AND THOSE OF OTHER US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WOULD BE EXTENDED.
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